

# TURKMENISTAN



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Gurbanguly BERDIMUHAMEDOW

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

presidential republic; authoritarian

### Capital

Ashgabat (Ashkhabad)

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Mejlis (125 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court of Turkmenistan (consists of the court president and 21 associate judges and organized into civil, criminal, and military chambers)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Meret ORAZOW

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Matthew S. KLIMOW

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 488,100 sq km

Land: 469,930 sq km

Water: 18,170 sq km

### Climate

subtropical desert

### Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, sulfur, salt

## ECONOMY

largely a desert country with intensive agriculture in irrigated oases and significant natural gas and oil resources; agriculture occupies nearly half the workforce but only represents 8% of GDP; natural gas exports, mostly to China, make up 25% of GDP

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$103.7 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$18,200 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$7.458 billion (2017 est.)

partners China 83.7%, Turkey 5.1% (2017)

### Imports

\$4.571 billion (2017 est.)

partners Turkey 24.2%, Algeria 14.4%, Germany 9.8%, China 8.9%, Russia 8%, US 6.6% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

5.4 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

1.1% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

Turkmen 85%, Uzbek 5%, Russian 4%, other 6% (2003)

### Language

Turkmen (official) 72%, Russian 12%, Uzbek 9%, other 7%

### Religion

Muslim 89%, Eastern Orthodox 9%, unknown 2%

### Urbanization

urban population: 52% of total population (2019)

rate of urbanization: 2.46% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

99.7% (2015)

